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The Integrity Technology Bowl-a-thon to benefit marcfirst will be held on Saturday, February 4 at AMF Lanes in Bloomington. We look forward to selling out all the lanes once again this year!

Pre-registration is required by calling Julie at 309.451.8888 (ext. 258). Teams are made up of five bowlers, and each team needs to raise a minimum of \$250.

**Sign up today and help support this wonderful cause!**

**WHAT CAN BOWLERS EXPECT?**

- **3 games of bowling and shoe rental**
- **Lots of door prizes**
- **Food provided**
- **Great items to bid on in the silent auction**
- **Special team and individual fund-raising awards**



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# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

with your gift giving this holiday season!



Give a gift to marcfirst this holiday season and know that you are making a difference in the lives of more than 400 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Your gift to marcfirst provides the needed funding to help programs such as our pediatric therapy program, residential housing program, community based supported employment program, Friendsfirst program and new transition program.

Visit our website at [www.marcfirst.org](http://www.marcfirst.org) and click on the "make a donation" button to be taken to our convenient and safe PayPal site to make a donation, or use the enclosed envelope.

OUR 10TH YEAR

**WHEN**  
Thursday, November 3  
6:30–9:30pm

**WHERE**  
DoubleTree by Hilton

**TICKETS \$40**  
(\$45 at the door)  
Includes complimentary buffet, wine bar and music

**TO PURCHASE**  
Call 451.8888 (ext. 258)  
Visit [www.marcfirst.org](http://www.marcfirst.org)

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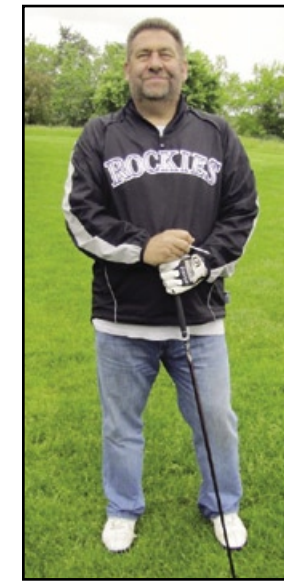
**MARTINIS FOR marcfirst AUCTION**

# MARTINIS FOR marcfirst AUCTION



Our 10th annual martinis for marcfirst auction sponsored by CEFCU was held on November 3 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel. The auction included 50 martini glasses decorated by local artists, 40 baskets, packages and

items from local merchants, and a raffle for a Pandora bracelet from Bremer Jewelry. We had more than 300 attendees and raised more than \$27,000 to support marcfirst programs and services!



Tom Krieger, winner of the hole-in-one car giveaway at the marcfirst Golf Classic

Tom said, "A hole-in-one has been on my bucket list since I was 7 years old, and to win a car on top is even more exciting."



The 11th Annual marcfirst Golf Classic was held on May 26 with 27 teams participating. For the first time at a marcfirst golf outing, we had a hole-in-one! Tom Krieger used a 4 iron on the 16th hole. This was his first hole-in-one, and the 16th hole was also the Snyder Insurance, Capitol Insurance and Extreme Motors hole-in-one car giveaway.

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# FRIENDSFIRST

Our Friendsfirst program celebrated its second anniversary on October 18. It has been an exciting two years for the program, and not only have we continued to grow in the number of participants, but also with our outreach with the community.

Our partnership with Illinois Wesleyan and Illinois State University students, the Master Gardeners of McLean County, and music therapy instructors have all greatly contributed to the success of the program.

This holiday season Friendsfirst decorated a tree for the Festival of Trees. Our tree—"Taste of Italy"—was decorated in an Italian theme, with decorations made by Friendsfirst participants.



Participants in the Friendsfirst program



"Taste of Italy" tree decorated by Friendsfirst for The Baby Fold's Festival of Trees event

# THE TRANSITION PROGRAM

a new program at marcfirst

The Transition Program provides a variety of services to assist students in planning for a smooth transition from high school to adulthood. Services through this program are available to families with a high school student with an intellectual or developmental disability, age 14 or older.

## TYPES OF SERVICES

- Attendance at IEP: meeting to provide information on marcfirst services.
- Consultation: marcfirst meets with parents and students to discuss topics relevant to transition planning.
- Assistance with forms: marcfirst can assist in helping to identify pertinent forms needed for community resources, government programs, and SSI benefits.

The transition program also facilitates the marcfirst School to Work Summer Program. School to Work is a summer

program for high school students 18–22 years old who are interested in expanding their vocational skills and knowledge. The Transition Club focuses on a variety of topics that include Community Involvement, Self Advocacy, Physical and Emotional Health and Life Skills.

This March 26–30 we will hold a special one-week session of the School to Work Program. To learn more about this one-week experience—or if you would just like general information about School to Work—please call 309.451.8888 (ext. 265).